

**PUBLIC NOTICE AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT AND PUBLIC HEARINGS
GENERAL PERMIT FOR DISCHARGES OF STORMWATER FROM CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES,
4 VAC 50-60-1100 et seq.**

ISSUED BY: VIRGINIA SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD

Permit Number: VAR10 **Name of Permittee:** Any operator of a regulated construction activity seeking coverage under the general permit. **Facility Location:** Construction activities are located throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia. **Receiving Waters:** State waters within the boundaries of the Commonwealth of Virginia. **Processing Office:** Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation, Stormwater Permitting Section, 203 Governor Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219.

SUBJECT: Notice is hereby given that the Virginia Soil and Water Conservation Board intends to amend a regulation entitled 4 VAC 50-60-1100 et seq., General Permit for Discharges of Stormwater from Construction Activities, associated forms, and its associated definitions contained in 4VAC50-60-10. A draft general permit regulation has been proposed by the Board. The existing general permit expires June 30, 2009. Operators of regulated construction activities who wish to discharge under a general permit must register for coverage under the new general permit.

SUBSTANCE:

This proposed regulatory action will set forth guidelines for the permitting of discharges of stormwater runoff from regulated construction activities. The term "construction activity" is defined in 4VAC50-60-10 of the Virginia Administrative Code, and includes both "large construction activity" and "small construction activity" as defined in that section. In addition to other requirements, the draft general permit requires that operators of authorized construction activities develop, maintain, and implement a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP). The SWPPP shall identify potential sources of pollutants which may reasonably be expected to affect the quality of stormwater discharges from the construction site, describe control measures which will be used to minimize pollutants in stormwater discharges from the construction site, and comply with the terms and conditions of the general permit.

The proposed adoption of the general permit regulation is tentative. On the basis of preliminary review and application of lawful standards and regulations, the Virginia Soil and Water Conservation Board proposes to issue and modify the general permit. The proposed regulation sets forth the minimum information requirements for all requests for coverage under the general permit.

PUBLIC HEARING: Public hearings to receive comments on the proposed general permit regulations will be held at 7:00 p.m. on December 2, 2008 at the City of Manassas Council Chambers, 9027 Center Street, Manassas, Virginia 20110; at 7:00 p.m. on December 3, 2008 at the Roanoke City Council Chambers, Noel C. Taylor Municipal Building, 215 Church Avenue Southwest, Roanoke, Virginia 24011; and at 7:00 p.m. on December 10, 2008 at the City of Williamsburg Council Chambers, 412 North Boundary Street, Williamsburg, Virginia 23185.

ACCESSIBILITY TO PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES: The public hearings will be held at facilities believed to be accessible to persons with disabilities. Any person with questions should contact David Dowling at (804) 786-2291. Persons needing interpreter services for the deaf should notify Mr. Dowling no later than November 18, 2008.

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS: The Board is also seeking written comments from interested persons on the proposed regulatory action and draft permit. Written comments on the proposed permit modification and the proposed regulations may be submitted beginning on October 27 and must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on December 26, 2008. Comments should include the name and address or email address of the commenter. Only those comments received within this period will be considered by the Board. All comments should be submitted to:

The Regulatory Coordinator
Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation
203 Governor Street, Suite 302
Richmond, Virginia 23219

Comments may also be faxed to the Regulatory Coordinator at (804) 786-6141 or submitted electronically on the Virginia Regulatory Town Hall by selecting "comment period" at: <http://townhall.virginia.gov/L/ViewStage.cfm?stageid=4817>

CONTACT PERSON: For additional information, including a copy of the proposed regulations/draft permit, associated forms, and permit fact sheet, or to review copies of materials or applicable laws and regulations, contact Mr. David Dowling at (804) 786-2291.